

REFERENCE TITLE: joint legislative committee on corrections

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Introduced by
Representative Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1610.02; RELATING TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 11, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 41-1610.02, to read:
4 41-1610.02. Joint legislative committee on corrections:
5 members; duties; report
6 A. THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING
7 OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:
8 1. FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
9 THE SENATE. NOT MORE THAN THREE OF THESE MEMBERS MAY BE FROM THE SAME
10 POLITICAL PARTY.
11 2. FIVE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE APPOINTED BY
12 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. NOT MORE THAN THREE OF THESE
13 MEMBERS MAY BE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.
14 B. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT A CHAIRPERSON FROM THE
15 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AT THE FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING. A QUORUM
16 CONSISTS OF FOUR MEMBERS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE ANNUALLY
17 AND MORE FREQUENTLY AS THE CHAIRPERSON DEEMS NECESSARY OR ON THE CALL OF THE
18 MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
19 C. THE COMMITTEE SHALL:
20 1. RECEIVE TESTIMONY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION REGARDING
21 THE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE OF PRISON BEDS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE
22 LEGISLATURE.
23 2. RECEIVE TESTIMONY FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
24 REGARDING THE ACTUAL AND ANTICIPATED GROWTH OR DECLINE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S
25 INMATE POPULATION AND MAKE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE NUMBER
26 AND SECURITY LEVEL OF NEW PRISON BEDS THE DEPARTMENT WILL REQUIRE TO CONFINE
27 THE PROJECTED NUMBER OF NEW INMATES. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER THE
28 POPULATIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR PLACEMENT IN PRIVATE PRISON
29 FACILITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1609.02 AND INCLUDE PRIVATE PRISON
30 FACILITIES IN ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.
31 3. REVIEW AND MAKE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FUTURE
32 PRISONS, INCLUDING PRIVATE PRISON FACILITIES.
33 4. REVIEW PRIVATE INCARCERATION FACILITIES SITES PURSUANT TO SECTION
34 41-1609.02.
35 D. THE COMMITTEE MAY CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO:
36 1. PRISON CONSTRUCTION AND MAY MAKE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS.
37 2. PRISON OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE
38 DEPARTMENT, AND MAY MAKE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS.
39 E. THE COMMITTEE SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS
40 AND SUBMIT IT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF
41 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15 AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY
42 OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA
43 STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS.

1 F. THE COMMITTEE HAS THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED BY LAW ON LEGISLATIVE
2 COMMITTEES.

3 G. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE
4 HOUSES IN THE SAME MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW FOR A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO
5 ATTENDS A DULY CALLED MEETING OF A STANDING COMMITTEE.

6 H. THE COMMITTEE MAY USE THE SERVICES OF LEGISLATIVE STAFF.